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Act for putting the Kingdome in a Posture of Defence, to joyn with the present standing Forces, and new Levy.

EDINBURGH, 3. *July*, 1650.

THe Estates of Parliament now presently conveened in this fift Session of this second Triennal Parliament, Considering the great preparations made by the Sectaries in *England*, to invade this Kingdom, To destroy the Religion, Lawes, and Liberties thereof, wherein every ones private condition is included; And that sundry of their Ships are already taken, and that an Army in an hostile manner is daily marching toward their Border, And having severall Intelligences that they intend without keeping of the Order of the Treaty, or giving any previous warning, to fall in upon this Nation; And withall, Considering that the Kings Majesty hath given satisfaction to the Demands of the Parliament, and hath sworn and subscribed the Nationall Covenant, and the solemn League and Covenant; And is safely arrived within this Kingdome, and that they are obliged to defend his Royall person and authority in preservation of the true Religion, and Liberties of the Kingdome; And that according to the Law of God and Nations and the continued Acts and practises of the Nation, All sensible persons betwixt 60. and 16. are bound to rise in Arms to defend the King and Kingdome from Invasion. Yet, The Estates of Parliament being desirous to avoyd the confusion by the coming together of all sensible persons, Have rather thought fit, that a select number of Horse and Foot be in every Shire put in Companies, Troops, and Regiments; That they withall the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Heritors, Life-renters, Fewars, Wood-setters, may upon the sight of the Beacons, or advertisement from the Parliament, Committee of Estates, or Generall Officers, march to the Rendezvouz of the Shire, and from thence to the place where the Army shall be, or where they shall receive Orders to goe to for defence of the Kingdome: Therefore the Estates of Parliament doth appoint and ordain, that every Shyre shall have in readinesse in Companies, Troops, and Regiments, the proportion of the Foot and Horse, as after followes; *Viz.*

For the Horse.

Roxburgh, 180. *Inde* 2. Troopes, Rests 30. which being joyned with *Selkirk*, whose proportion is 47. makes 1. Troop, rests 2. *Dumfreis* 146. *Inde* 2. Troops, wants 4. *Wigtown* and *Kirkcudbright* 110. 1. Troop, rests 55. which being joyned with *Dumbartan*, whose proportion is 30. makes 1. Troop, rests of *Dumbartan* 10. *Air* 173. and *Renfrew* 58. makes 3. Troops, at 73. the Troop. *Lanerk* 117. one Troop, rests 42. which being joyned with *Clidsdaw* 28. makes one Troop. *Haddington* 133. makes 2 Troops, at 67. the Troop. *Edin-*

burgh 133. makes up 2. Troops, at 97. the piece. *Peebles* 49. with the reſt of *Dumbartan*, which is 10. and the reſt of *Selkirk*, which is 2. makes 1. Troop of 61. *Lithgow*, 66. 1. Troop. *Stirling* 90. and *Bute* 13. makes 2. Troops at 51. the piece. *Pearth* 228. three compleat Troops, reſts of *Pearth* 3. *Fyfe* and *Kinroſhire*, 290. 4. compleat Troops. *Forfar* 160. makes 2. Troops, reſts 10. *Kincardin* 44. which with 10. out of the reſt of *Forfar*, makes 1. Troop, at 54. *Aberdeen* 186. makes 3. Troops at 62. *Elgin* 54. and *Nairne* 14. makes a Troop at 68. *Bamff* 56. one Troop. *Innerneſſe* and *Roſſe*, 138. makes two Troops, at 98. the Troop. *Sutherland* 15. *Caithnes* 24. *Cromartie* 3. one Troop at 42. *Orknay* and *Zetland* 54. one Troop. *Argyle* 80. one Troop.

For the Foot.

Mid-Lothian 900. one Regiment. *Haddington* 900. one Regiment. *Barwick* 900. one Regiment. *Dumfreis* 900. one Regiment. *Roxbrugh* and *Selkirk*, 1500. *Peebles* 300. *Inde* 1800. *Inde* two Regiments at 900. a piece. *Fyfe* and *Kinroſſe* 1800. two Regiments at 700. a piece. *Lithgow*, 374. *Stirling* and *Clakmanan*, 750. *Inde* 1124. one Regiment. *Wigtown* and *Kirkcudbright*, 900. one Regiment. *Lanerk* 900. one Regiment. *Air* and *Renfrew* 1500. with *Dumbartan* joyned, whoſe proportion is 240. makes in all two Regiments, at 870. a piece. *Pearth* 1840. two Regiments. *Forfar* 1214. one Regiment. *Kincardin* and *Marſhalls* part of *Aberdeen*, 900. one Regiment. Reſt of *Aberdeen* and *Bamff*, 1200. one Regiment. *Elgin*, *Nairn*, and that part of *Innereſſe* on this ſide *Neſs*, 750. one Regiment. *Seaforth* and *Lovats* diviſion of *Innerneſſe*, 750. one Regiment. Reſt of *Innerneſſe*, *Sutherland*, *Roſſe*, and *Caithneſſe*, 1200. one Regiment. *Orknay*, and *Zetland*, 750. and *Bute*, one Regiment. *Argyles* diviſion of *Innerneſſe*, 800. one Regiment.

And that by and attour, theſe of the late Leavie of the date the twenty fift of *June* laſt by-paſt, who are no wayes to be retarded by this Act, which is in place of the Act of Poſture of all the ſenſible men, and which is appointed for the ſtrengthning of the new Leavie, and of the old Forces; And this is alſo by and attour the outcoming of all Noblemen, Gentlemen, Heretors, Life-renters, Fewars, and Wed-ſetters, excepting as is after excepted. Likeas the ſaids Eſtates nominates theſe who are herewith ſent to be Colonels for the Regiments of Foot above ſpecified, *viz.* For the Sheriffdome of *Edinburgh*, The Lord *Balmerinoch* to be Colonell. For the Shyre of *Haddington*, The Lord *Angus*. For *Berwick*, The Laird of *Iddington*. For *Dumfreis*, *Archbald Douglas* of *Dornoch*, and *Crawfurdtown* his Lieutenant Colonell; *Roxbrugh*, *Selkirk*, and *Peebles*, The Earles of *Lothian* and *Buckcleuch*; *Fyfe* and *Kinroſhire*, The Lord *Burgly*, or the Laird of *Waghton*, and Sir *William Douglas*. *Lithgow*, *Stirling*, and *Clakmanan* Shyres, The Laird of *Buchanan* and Sir *Joſeph Douglas*, Lieutenant Colonell. *Wigtoun*, and *Stewartrie* of *Kirkcudbright*, The Lord *Kirkcudbright*, *Lanerk*, Sir *William Carmichael*. *Air*, *Renfrew*, and *Dumbartan*, The Lord *Chancellour*, or the Lord *Manchlein* his ſon, and the Earle of *Caſſils* Colonels. For *Pearth* Shyre, the Lord *Couper*, and the Laird of *Gleneagies* Elder; *Forfar*, The Laird of *Ed-*

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zell. Kincarden, and *Marshals* part of *Aberdeen*, The Viscount of *Arbuthnot*. Rest of *Aberdeen* and *Bamff* The Laird of *Leslye* younger. *Elgin, Nairn*, and the Earle of *Murrayes* division of *Innernesse*, Sir *Alexander Sutherland* of *Duffus*. *Seafort*, and Lord *Lovats* division of *Innernesse*; *Alexander Frazer* Tutor of *Lovat*, Marquesse of *Argyles* division of *Innernesse*, The said Lord Marquesse of *Argyle*, or any he pleases name. The rest of *Innernesse*, *Rosse*, *Sutherland*, and *Caithnes*, The Earl of *Sutherland* or any he pleases nominate and appoint, Major *Ross*, Sir *John Sincler* of *Dumbeath*. *Orkney* and *Zeatland*.

And anent the foot appointed to be put forth by the Shyres of *Air*, *Renfrew*, and *Dumbartan*, if the Earl of *Loudoun*, Lord *Chaucellour*, or L. *Machlein* his Son, and the Earl of *Cassils* Colonels aforesaid or any one of them, crave that such a number of the said foot be converted unto horse, as with the proportion of horse above mentioned, to be put forth by the saids Shyres, will make up a Regiment of horse; In that case the saids Estates of Parliament, do give Power, Liberty, and Freedom to the Committees of War of the saids Shyres in their option, to convert so many of the saids foot into horse, at the rate of one horseman for three footmen, as shall be desired by the saids Colonels, or any of them. And the saids Estates Ordains the Committees of War, with the advice of the Colonels in the severall Shyres and divisions they being present, to meet all in their own severall Committees, immediately after the receipt of this Act; And that they sit continually from day to day, untill they determine, proportion and settle the saids numbers of horse and foot in severall Troops, Companies and Regiments, and choose and appoint more Colonels, Rootmasters, and all Officers necessary, they being persons so qualified, as is required in the late printed Act of Leavie, for leading and commanding the saids forces, and that they send in the names of these whom they appoint, unto the Committee of the Parliament which is appointed for purging of the Army. And the saids Estates Ordains the footmen to be sufficiently armed with Muskets, Pikes, and Swords, and any other their best armes, and the horsemen to be armed with Pistols and Lances, broad Swords, and steel Caps. And if any of the Heritors or other persons aforesaids be aged, or known to be infirme, or be persons excepted, as after followes, That they send out able men with their best horse and armes, and that the Magistrates within Burghs, Heritors, & others designed as aforesaid, or in their absence, the Baillies and Factors to Landward, shalbe answerable for bringing the persons within their bounds, according to their proportion armed as said is, and where they have no arms, that they bring money to buy them with, & that under the like pains as is contained in the late Act of Levie. And the saids Estates Ordains the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Heritors, Fewers and Woodsetters, to provide themselves, and the proportions whom they hereby are to put forth, with 30. daies provision, for these on this side of *Aberdeen*, & with 40. daies provision for these by North *Aberdeen*. And farther, the saids Estates appoints the Committees of War, to provide as many *Arms* and Ammunition, as will arm the numbers aforesaid, craved from the Shire, and that either by giving present mony for them, or Bands for payment thereof, at a [illegible] they to

have letters of releif against the Heritors for repaiment of the same; with power to the said Committees, to distribute armes to these who wants, and with direction to the Colonel to cause dreill and train the said men, put them in Companies, Troops, and Regiments. And the said Estates appoints the Committees of War, and Colonels, to agree and resolve upon such place & places, whereunto they will appoint the foresaid horse & foot of the Shyre to have the Rendezvouz within the Shyre, upon the seeing of the Beacons burning, or upon other advertisement from their neighbour Shyres of the country, or from the generall Officers, for to rise, that from thence they may march and joyn with the army where they shal be, or according as they shal receive Order from the Parliament, Committee of Estates, or generall Officers, & to the effect foresaid, The saids Estates appoints the Comittees of War in every Shyre, without failzie or delay, at the first meeting to cause erect Beacons, and have all other things necessary ready upon the tops of the highest places within the Shyre where Beacons used before to be put; that by the firing of the same, the people of their own Shyre may be warned to draw presently to the Rendezvouz, and the other Shires also may be warned to draw to their Rendezvouz, that so they may all the sooner joyn with the Army for defence of the Kingdome; Likeas they appoint the Committees of War of the Shyres, or any of them, or any of their Officers, to give present advertisement thereof to these of their neighbouring Shyres, and so from Shyre to Shyre with all possible speed, and also to the Committees of Estates and generall Officers. And further, The Estates of Parliament Ordains all Noblemen, Gentlemen, Heretors, Life-renters, Fewars and Woodsetters, to come forth themselves, under the pains following, (except the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, *Sterling*, *Pearth*, and *Dundee*, who are ordained hereby to put all their sensible persons within their townes, in Arms and Posture of Defence, for safety of these places; and except these persons who are debarred from publick trust, by the first and second Classe of the Act at Saint *Andrees*, 1646. and at *Edinburgh*. 1640. who are hereby appointed to put out all their proportions within their bounds, with their best horse & armes at the sight of the Committee of War, under the command of these who are appoynted by the Parliament, or Committee of War of the Shyre as aforesaid; but are hereby discharged under the pains contained the Band, for keeping the peace, either to associate themselves in parties in armes, or to joyn with our army) *viz.* Ilk Nobleman, Gentleman, Heritor, Life-renter, and Woodsetter, under the pain of being esteemed infringers of their Covenant, neglecters of the defence of Religion, the King, and the Kingdome; and of being punished by death, infamy, losse of all their moveables, and forfeiture of a third part of their Estates. And further, The saids Estates doth ordain and appoint, That by and attour the numbers aforesaid, in the bordering Shyres, and the other Shyres where the actuall Invasion shall be; That upon the said Invasion, or upon the sight of the Beacons. The whole persons sensible rise in armes, and draw together to the place where the standing forces of the Kingdom are at a Rendezvouz, or whereto they shall receive orders to march, and to the end none may pretend Ignorance, Ordains the Act to be published at the Mercat Crosse of *Edinburgh*; and withall, Ordains it to be printed, and sent to the Committees of War of the severall Shyres, who are hereby required to put the same with all possible diligence in execution, as they would not be esteemed and punished as infringers of the Covenant, and neglecters of the defence of the Religion, King and Kingdome; And withall declares, that the publishing hereof at the Mercat Crosse of *Edinburgh*, and Printing of the same, shall be a sufficient intimation against the contraviners thereof.

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